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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,643,800 for February, compared to the January revised level of 1,630,000 and 1,627,300 for February last year.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 328,000, showed an increase of 3,300 and 6,900 for the month-ago and year-ago figures, respectively. Mining employment was up due to more activity in oil and gas exploration. More business in the heavy construction segment edged construction payrolls up for the month. Durable goods displayed an increase of 300 while nondurable goods exhibited a decrease of 100, resulting in a diminutive rise in manufacturing.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,315,800 for February. This was 10,500 more than January and 9,600 more than February, 1993. The transportation, communications, and public utilities segment was up due to more business activity at the state's ports. Trade employment continued its downward trend due to seasonal decreases in the retail sector. As a result of a slight upward movement in banking, the finance, insurance, and real estate segment increased. Services demonstrated gains in all areas, with the exception of legal and miscellaneous services, which remained stable. The hotels and other lodging places, business and health services segments had the largest over-the-month growth. Government employment was higher attributable to seasonal increases in state and local education payrolls.

Louisiana's 134,900 production workers in manufacturing earned average weekly earnings of $533.60, a decrease of $6.54 from the January revised figure, but an increase of $1.95 from February of last year. Average hourly earnings increased to $12.92 compared to $12.83 one month ago and $12.48 one year ago. Average weekly hours of 41.3 declined by 0.8 hours from January and 1.3 hours from February, 1993.

The February preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.7 percent, a decrease from the January revised rate of 8.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for February was 6.5 percent, a decrease from the January rate of 6.7 percent. Total unemployment for February decreased to 149,000. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,924,000 with an increase in total employment to 1,775,000.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,643.8	1,630.0	1,627.3	+13.8	+16.5
GOODS PRODUCING	328.0	324.7	321.1	+ 3.3	+ 6.9
MINING	45.7	45.2	46.0	+ 0.5	- 0.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	43.9	43.4	44.3	+ 0.5	- 0.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	97.2	94.6	91.8	+ 2.6	+ 5.4
General Contractors	15.9	15.4	14.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	38.8	37.3	37.1	+ 1.5	+ 1.7
Special Trade Contractors	42.5	41.9	40.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
MANUFACTURING	185.1	184.9	183.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	79.1	78.8	78.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Lumber and Wood Products	12.9	12.8	12.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.9	5.9	5.5	0	+ 0.4
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	13.7	13.6	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.6	12.6	12.4	0	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
Transportation Equipment	21.4	21.3	21.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	106.0	106.1	105.3	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	20.7	20.7	19.7	0	+ 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	11.5	11.4	11.5	+ 0.1	0
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	11.9	12.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	9.4	9.4	9.4	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.4	30.5	30.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Inorganic Chemicals	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0
Organic Chemicals	10.4	10.5	10.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.4	12.6	12.4	- 0.2	0
Petroleum Refining	11.3	11.5	11.3	- 0.2	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	9.6	9.6	9.6	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,315.8	1,305.3	1,306.2	+10.5	+ 9.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	105.4	105.0	104.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.9	62.5	61.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Water Transportation	22.1	21.7	22.2	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Communications & Public Util.	37.7	37.7	37.7	0	0
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	15.8	15.8	15.8	0	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv.	21.9	21.9	21.9	0	0

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	377.7	377.8	375.2	- 0.1	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade	85.0	84.8	84.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.4	46.3	45.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	38.6	38.5	38.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	292.7	293.0	290.9	- 0.3	+ 1.8
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	11.0	11.0	10.4	0	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	39.3	40.3	38.6	- 1.0	+ 0.7
Food Stores	58.8	57.5	58.7	+ 1.3	+ 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	33.2	33.1	32.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Apparel and Accessory	15.0	15.3	15.5	- 0.3	- 0.5
Furniture and Equipment	10.4	10.4	10.5	0	- 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	95.5	95.5	94.5	0	+ 1.0
Other Retail Trade	29.5	29.9	30.3	- 0.4	- 0.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	77.7	77.6	77.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Banking	27.9	27.8	27.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Insurance	26.6	26.6	26.9	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	414.4	407.8	406.3	+ 6.6	+ 8.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.9	20.9	21.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.3
Personal Services	16.2	15.8	15.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Business Services	67.1	65.4	65.2	+ 1.7	+ 1.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	12.0	11.8	11.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.5	6.4	6.5	+ 0.1	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	14.3	13.6	12.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
Health Services	141.6	140.6	138.0	+ 1.0	+ 3.6
Hospitals	59.9	59.5	59.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Legal Services	16.2	16.2	16.3	0	- 0.1
Educational Services	27.5	26.9	27.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Social Services	25.6	25.3	25.7	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Membership Organizations	26.6	26.4	26.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	27.4	27.1	27.6	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Services	6.8	6.8	6.6	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	340.6	337.1	342.9	+ 3.5	- 2.3
Federal	36.7	36.7	36.7	0	0
State and Local	303.9	300.4	306.2	+ 3.5	- 2.3
State	106.5	103.4	107.8	+ 3.1	- 1.3
Local	197.4	197.0	198.4	+ 0.4	- 1.0

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. '94*	Jan. '94**	Feb. '93**	Feb. '94*	Jan. '94**	Feb. '93**	Feb. '94*	Jan. '94**	Feb. '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$533.60	$540.14	$531.65	41.3	42.1	42.6	$12.92	$12.83	$12.48
Durable Goods	461.55	488.62	473.71	41.1	42.6	42.6	11.23	11.47	11.12
Lumber & Wood Products	388.41	410.90	401.25	41.9	43.9	43.9	9.27	9.36	9.14
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	427.06	473.88	480.25	42.2	44.0	42.5	10.12	10.77	11.30
Fabricated Metal Products	457.73	467.83	427.06	42.5	43.6	42.2	10.77	10.73	10.12
Machinery, ex. Electrical	509.83	529.47	481.93	43.8	45.1	43.3	11.64	11.74	11.13
Electric & Electronic Equip.	834.94	956.97	711.49	45.7	48.8	42.2	18.27	19.61	16.86
Transportation Equipment	418.12	438.53	501.41	37.1	38.1	40.6	11.27	11.51	12.35
Nondurable Goods	593.63	583.53	580.29	41.6	41.8	42.7	14.27	13.96	13.59
Food & Kindred Products	331.74	321.39	320.77	38.8	37.9	38.6	8.55	8.48	8.31
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	223.45	215.85	229.96	33.5	34.1	36.1	6.67	6.33	6.37
Paper & Allied Products	654.26	640.79	621.92	43.3	43.8	43.4	15.11	14.63	14.33
Printing & Publishing	452.58	463.66	451.56	38.0	38.8	38.3	11.91	11.95	11.79
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	894.52	885.26	826.66	46.3	46.3	45.9	19.32	19.12	18.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	963.50	922.90	1,002.96	47.0	46.4	50.4	20.50	19.89	19.90
Petroleum Refining	993.34	946.37	1,036.83	47.1	46.3	50.9	21.09	20.44	20.37
MINING	661.75	684.09	616.07	51.1	49.5	47.1	12.95	13.82	13.08
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	610.41	592.42	549.84	41.3	40.8	39.5	14.78	14.52	13.92
BANKING	339.09	343.55	312.99	36.5	37.1	36.1	9.29	9.26	8.67

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 134,900 full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and 81,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. '94*	Jan. '94**	Feb. '93**	Feb. '94*	Jan. '94**	Feb. '93**	Feb. '94*	Jan. '94**	Feb. '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$674.06	$660.10	$643.55	43.6	43.2	44.2	$15.46	$15.28	$14.56
Petro-Chemicals	944.27	921.82	864.86	48.3	47.2	46.8	19.55	19.53	18.48

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,400** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$569.32	$568.54	$541.02	43.0	43.4	42.3	$13.24	$13.10	$12.79
Durable Goods	470.90	490.50	426.52	42.5	43.6	40.2	11.08	11.25	10.61
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	478.72	452.09	481.55	49.2	41.4	43.5	9.73	10.92	11.07
Fabricated Metal Products	402.62	474.15	450.82	38.9	43.5	43.6	10.35	10.90	10.34
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	434.30	443.89	377.48	41.8	42.6	37.9	10.39	10.42	9.96
Nondurable Goods	650.80	633.31	637.12	43.3	43.2	44.0	15.03	14.66	14.48
Food & Kindred Products	400.79	391.64	403.19	39.8	39.4	41.1	10.07	9.94	9.81
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	181.64	185.83	195.22	33.7	35.6	33.2	5.39	5.22	5.88
Printing & Publishing	511.21	498.01	476.51	45.2	43.8	41.4	11.31	11.37	11.51
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	885.75	880.31	913.64	45.4	45.4	49.2	19.51	19.39	18.57

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **33,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$536.99	$571.05	$558.67	38.8	40.5	42.1	$13.84	$14.10	$13.27
Lumber and Wood Products	299.92	306.64	348.83	38.9	40.4	44.1	7.71	7.59	7.91
Food and Kindred Products	413.58	380.80	413.29	35.5	33.2	39.1	11.65	11.47	10.57
Printing and Publishing	330.53	371.41	400.43	33.9	36.2	38.1	9.75	10.26	10.51
Chemicals & Allied Products	595.02	600.28	601.14	42.9	45.1	43.0	13.87	13.31	13.98

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,400** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY Feb., 1994 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED Jan., 1994 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED Feb., 1993 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)	1,924.0	1,775.0	149.0	7.7	1,924.5	1,761.3	163.2	8.5	1,895.8	1,755.4	140.4	7.4
LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)	1,896.4	1,744.6	151.8	8.0	1,888.9	1,706.0	182.9	9.7	1,867.6	1,724.4	143.2	7.7
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	55.6	51.4	4.2	7.5	55.4	50.5	4.9	8.9	54.7	50.8	3.9	7.1
Baton Rouge 2/	271.3	252.0	19.3	7.1	268.3	245.4	22.9	8.5	267.6	250.8	16.8	6.3
Houma 3/	75.7	70.1	5.6	7.4	75.3	68.7	6.6	8.8	75.6	69.7	5.9	7.8
Lafayette 4/	153.6	142.0	11.6	7.5	154.1	139.2	14.9	9.7	152.0	140.5	11.5	7.6
Lake Charles 5/	79.8	73.5	6.3	7.9	80.3	72.3	8.0	10.0	78.0	70.6	7.4	9.5
Monroe 6/	65.6	60.7	4.9	7.4	64.5	58.8	5.7	8.9	65.0	60.5	4.5	7.0
New Orleans 7/	587.0	545.9	41.1	7.0	584.2	535.0	49.2	8.4	583.9	545.3	38.6	6.6
Shreveport-Bossier City 8/	172.1	158.2	13.9	8.1	171.8	155.1	16.7	9.7	169.0	157.0	12.0	7.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette, St. Martin, Acadia, and St. Landry parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. James, Plaquemines, and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
FEBRUARY 1994	146.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
FEBRUARY 1993	143.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.2

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 94 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED JANUARY 94 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	8,500	7,500	1,000	11.8	8,600	7,350	1,250	14.6
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	9,125	8,000	1,125	12.4	9,225	7,775	1,450	15.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	14,825	12,800	2,025	13.7	14,875	12,425	2,450	16.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	12,575	11,400	1,175	9.4	12,625	11,200	1,425	11.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,225	5,700	525	8.3	6,175	5,550	625	10.0
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,350	3,925	425	10.0	4,350	3,800	550	12.6
CAMERON (CAMERON)	3,650	3,350	300	8.5	3,650	3,275	375	10.1
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	5,600	4,900	700	12.5	5,625	4,750	875	15.5
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	5,500	5,050	450	8.2	5,575	4,975	600	10.6
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	8,800	7,475	1,325	15.0	8,750	7,275	1,475	16.8
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	9,925	9,025	900	9.1	9,850	8,775	1,075	10.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,925	3,050	875	22.2	3,900	2,925	975	24.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,975	7,300	675	8.4	8,025	7,200	825	10.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,300	11,200	1,100	9.0	12,150	10,825	1,325	11.0
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	10,650	9,375	1,275	12.0	10,675	9,075	1,600	14.9
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,125	6,150	975	13.7	7,175	6,075	1,100	15.3
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,850	26,375	2,475	8.6	29,475	25,875	3,600	12.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	13,425	11,825	1,600	11.9	13,475	11,600	1,875	13.9
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,450	6,000	450	7.0	6,375	5,850	525	8.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,700	10,575	1,125	9.7	11,600	10,275	1,325	11.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,050	5,425	625	10.3	6,000	5,300	700	11.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,550	17,875	675	3.7	18,375	17,450	925	5.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,125	4,400	725	14.3	5,000	4,200	800	16.0
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	14,050	12,125	1,925	13.7	13,900	11,800	2,100	15.1
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,150	14,900	1,250	7.7	15,925	14,425	1,500	9.4
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	10,000	8,900	1,100	11.0	10,000	8,675	1,325	13.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	3,775	3,400	375	10.2	3,750	3,275	475	12.4
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,875	7,625	1,250	14.2	8,825	7,350	1,475	16.6
MANY (SABINE)	8,950	8,325	625	6.9	8,875	8,125	750	8.4
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,925	3,650	275	7.0	3,925	3,550	375	9.3
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,925	21,350	2,575	10.8	23,775	20,725	3,050	12.9
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,350	35,025	4,325	11.0	39,275	34,175	5,100	13.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,325	2,925	400	11.8	3,300	2,800	500	15.1
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	11,300	10,525	775	6.9	11,175	10,250	925	8.3
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,900	20,100	1,800	8.3	21,825	19,625	2,200	10.1
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	16,775	14,975	1,800	10.7	16,925	14,800	2,125	12.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	16,325	14,750	1,575	9.6	16,175	14,400	1,775	11.0
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,625	4,100	1,525	27.0	5,675	3,975	1,700	30.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	3,725	3,350	375	10.1	3,725	3,300	425	11.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,525	6,100	425	6.6	6,425	5,950	475	7.4

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	50.0	49.9	48.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
GOODS PRODUCING	6.5	6.6	6.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.0	2.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	43.5	43.3	42.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.5	2.5	2.4	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.1	10.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.0	2.1	1.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	9.0	9.0	8.8	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	14.5	14.3	13.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Health Services	6.6	6.6	6.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.2	13.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
State and Local	10.9	10.8	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	5.0	4.9	5.0	+ 0.1	0
Local	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,000 for February. This estimate increased 100 from the prior month and 1,600 from February, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,500, a decrease of 100 from last month, but an increase of 200 from the prior year. The decrease was centered in construction, primarily in the heavy construction segment. The over-the-year gain was entirely in construction.

Service producing employment was estimated at 43,500, an increase of 200 from last month and 1,400 above the prior year level of 42,100. Trade was down 100 due to small declines scattered throughout the wholesale segment. The services industry rose 200 as a result of seasonal increases in both personal and educational services. Additional student hires in state government resulted in total government moving upward to a level of 13,300.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	258.6	255.5	251.3	+ 3.1	+ 7.3
GOODS PRODUCING	54.6	54.3	53.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
MINING	0.8	0.9	0.8	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	31.1	30.5	30.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	22.7	22.9	23.1	- 0.2	- 0.4
Durable Goods	5.7	5.8	6.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	17.0	17.1	17.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.2	12.3	12.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	204.0	201.2	197.4	+ 2.8	+ 6.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.5	11.6	11.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57.0	56.3	54.7	+ 0.7	+ 2.3
Wholesale Trade	13.3	13.3	13.3	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	9.0	9.0	9.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	43.7	43.0	41.4	+ 0.7	+ 2.3
General Merchandise	5.8	5.9	5.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.8	14.8	14.4	0	+ 0.4
Banking	4.4	4.5	4.4	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	63.5	63.2	60.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.8
GOVERNMENT	57.2	55.3	56.2	+ 1.9	+ 1.0
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.3	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	54.7	52.8	53.9	+ 1.9	+ 0.8
State	30.4	28.4	30.2	+ 2.0	+ 0.2
Local	24.3	24.4	23.7	- 0.1	+ 0.6

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA increased to a level of 258,600 in February. The increase was primarily in the service producing sector due to seasonal gains in government.

Total goods producing employment rebounded to a level of 54,600, up 300 from January and 700 higher than the year-ago level. More business activity in both the general nonresidential and heavy construction segments resulted in an increase of 600 in construction. Heavy construction was solely responsible for the over-the-year gains in construction. Less business in primary metals and layoffs in the petrochemical industry, contributed to the continued decline in manufacturing. Mining declined in the oil and gas field services sector.

Total service producing employment rebounded to a level of 204,000, up 2,800 from January and 6,600 above the year-ago level. State government increased by 2,000, due to the seasonal hiring of students at the beginning of the spring semester at local colleges and universities. Staff reductions at local educational institutions were responsible for the downturn in local government. Also on the downturn was the banking industry. Transportation, communications, and public utilities moved downward to a level of 11,500 as a result of seasonal losses in water transportation. Trade reported substantial gains due to additions at the retail factory outlet mall, the re-opening of a large retail grocery store chain and the grand opening of a new automotive supply center. Seasonal advances in tax preparation, business services and membership organizations resulted in an over-the-month rise of 300 in the services industry.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,400 production workers in all manufacturing were $674.06 for February, an increase of $13.96 from the January average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $30.51. Average weekly hours, at 43.6, increased by 0.4 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $15.46, increased by $0.18 cents an hour. The increase of higher-paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 271,300. This figure was comprised of 252,000 employed and 19,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.1 percent in February.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,791 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,579 referrals to current openings resulted in 98 placements during February.

HOUMA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.4	59.3	58.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
GOODS PRODUCING	13.3	13.2	12.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
MINING	5.1	5.1	5.3	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	2.7	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	5.2	5.1	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	3.8	3.7	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.1	46.1	45.4	0	+ 0.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	5.6	5.7	5.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.5	14.7	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.8	11.8	11.9	0	- 0.1
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	11.5	11.6	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.0	11.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.8	11.6	11.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
State	3.3	3.2	3.3	+ 0.1	0
Local	8.5	8.4	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA moved up slightly to 59,400, an increase of 100 from January's revised level of 59,300. There was a gain of 1,300 from the year-ago level of 58,100. February saw no change in the service producing industry; however, goods producing expanded by 100.

Employment in goods producing went from 13,200 in January to 13,300 in February. All sectors of the industry remained flat except manufacturing, which yielded a gain of 100.

Losses of 100 in transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services were offset by small gains in state and local government. This caused the estimate for the service producing industry to remain at 46,100 for February.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1993**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	136.3	135.8	132.1	+ 0.5	+ 4.2
GOODS PRODUCING	33.9	33.8	32.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
MINING	11.6	11.5	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	6.6	6.5	6.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	15.7	15.8	15.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	5.2	5.2	4.7	0	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	10.5	10.6	10.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	102.4	102.0	99.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.0	8.1	7.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	34.6	34.5	33.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	26.7	26.6	25.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
General Merchandise	3.5	3.6	3.5	- 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1
Banking	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	32.3	32.4	31.4	- 0.1	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	21.9	21.4	21.9	+ 0.5	0
Federal	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
State and Local	20.6	20.1	20.6	+ 0.5	0
State	6.2	5.7	6.2	+ 0.5	0
Local	14.4	14.4	14.4	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 136,300 in February. This estimate was 500 higher than last month's revised figure and 4,200 above the February, 1993 level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 33,900, a gain of 100 from the January, 1994 level. The mining and construction industries were both up by 100, while manufacturing dropped 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 102,400, a gain of 400 from the January level. Trade was up 100 with the increase centered in the eating and drinking places segment. The transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services sectors were both down 100. Government employment rose 500 for the month due to the hiring of students for the spring semester.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	73.9	73.6	69.4	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
GOODS PRODUCING	20.3	20.2	18.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
MINING	1.4	1.3	1.4	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.9	8.0	6.0	- 0.1	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	11.0	10.9	11.0	+ 0.1	0
Durable Goods	1.7	1.6	1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	9.3	9.3	9.7	0	- 0.4
Chemical & Petro Products	8.6	8.6	8.8	0	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	53.6	53.4	51.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.4	4.2	4.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	16.1	16.2	15.5	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.3	3.2	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	12.9	12.9	12.3	0	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.5	2.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.1	18.1	16.7	0	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.4	12.0	0	+ 0.4
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.9	11.9	11.4	0	+ 0.5
State	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Local	8.2	8.2	7.8	0	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA increased to 73,900 in February. This was a rise of 300 from January's revised level of 73,600. Employment expanded by 4,500 from February of last year.

Goods producing employment grew by 100 overall, but minimal gains and losses were noted throughout the industry, except in nondurable goods manufacturing which remained stable.

Service producing employment rose by 200, to a level of 53,600. The increase was due to more activity at the Area's port. A small increase in the finance, insurance, and real estate sector was offset by a decrease in the trade sector.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	62.8	61.9	61.3	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
GOODS PRODUCING	11.4	11.3	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	8.2	8.1	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.7	5.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.1	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	51.4	50.6	50.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.4	15.4	14.7	0	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.3	3.2	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	12.2	12.1	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	3.0	3.0	2.7	0	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	3.9	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.9	1.8	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	16.0	15.8	15.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	12.4	11.8	12.8	+ 0.6	- 0.4
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	11.9	11.3	12.3	+ 0.6	- 0.4
State	5.2	4.7	5.2	+ 0.5	0
Local	6.7	6.6	7.1	+ 0.1	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA, estimated at 62,800, was 900 more than the January revised estimate and 1,500 more than the year-ago figure of 61,300.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 11,400, showed a slight increase of 100 over the month and 300 from last year's figure. Mining remained stable over the month. The estimate for construction remained steady in February but was 200 higher than last year's figure of 2,700. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,200, rose by 100 compared to the previous month's figure.

Service producing employment, estimated at 51,400, was up by 800 from the January estimate and 1,200 from February, 1993. Government was up by 600 over the month, with the largest gain in state government.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	573.0	569.7	561.4	+ 3.3	+11.6
GOODS PRODUCING	86.8	87.1	86.2	- 0.3	+ 0.6
MINING	14.1	14.0	14.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.7	13.6	13.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	25.2	25.7	24.1	- 0.5	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	47.5	47.4	47.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	22.2	22.1	22.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	4.3	4.2	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	11.6	11.6	12.3	0	- 0.7
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.1	9.1	9.7	0	- 0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Nondurable Goods	25.3	25.3	25.1	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	7.2	7.1	7.2	+ 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.8	4.9	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	486.2	482.6	475.2	+ 3.6	+11.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	43.4	42.2	43.0	+ 1.2	+ 0.4
Railroad Transportation	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.4	8.4	8.2	0	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	12.3	11.1	12.7	+ 1.2	- 0.4
Comm. & Public Util.	13.0	13.0	12.6	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	139.0	138.0	139.2	+ 1.0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	32.9	33.0	32.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.3	17.3	17.1	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	15.6	15.7	15.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	106.1	105.0	106.6	+ 1.1	- 0.5
General Merchandise	12.0	12.3	12.3	- 0.3	- 0.3
Food Stores	20.9	20.2	20.9	+ 0.7	0
Eating & Drinking Places	37.6	37.3	38.7	+ 0.3	- 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	29.9	29.9	29.2	0	+ 0.7
Banking	9.6	9.6	9.3	0	+ 0.3
SERVICES	171.5	170.5	164.0	+ 1.0	+ 7.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.5	13.5	13.9	0	- 0.4
Health Services	48.4	48.3	45.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
Educational Services	19.0	18.7	17.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	102.4	102.0	99.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Federal	17.3	17.3	17.1	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	85.1	84.7	82.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
State	24.2	24.0	23.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Local	60.9	60.7	59.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.6

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for February was estimated at 573,000. This was 3,300 more than the January revised estimate and 11,600 above February, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 86,800 for February. This was 300 less than last month, but 600 higher than the year-ago figure. Mining and manufacturing had a small increase of 100 each, while construction showed a sizable decrease of 500 over the month.

Service producing employment, estimated at 486,200, was 3,600 higher than January and 11,000 above February, 1993. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was higher due to more business in port activities. Trade employment increased due to an end to a labor dispute in the retail food stores segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment held steady for February. Increases in health, and amusement and recreation services employment were mainly responsible for the growth in the total services estimate. Government was higher due to increases in state and local government payrolls.

An estimated 33,700 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned an average of $569.32 per week, up $0.78 from last month's revised average of $568.54. Average weekly hours were 43.0, down from 43.4 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.24, up from $13.10 in January and $12.79 in February of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 41,100 for February. The unemployment rate registered 7.0 percent.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1994*	Jan. 1994**	Feb. 1993**	Net Change From Jan. 1994	Net Change From Feb. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	154.9	154.2	151.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.9
GOODS PRODUCING	32.1	31.8	30.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
MINING	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	8.8	8.8	7.1	0	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	20.3	20.1	20.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	14.2	14.0	14.2	+ 0.2	0
Lumber and Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.7	4.6	4.7	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	5.4	5.3	5.4	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	6.1	6.1	6.0	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	122.8	122.4	120.6	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.1	8.1	8.4	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	36.4	36.6	35.4	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Retail Trade	27.7	27.9	26.7	- 0.2	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.7	6.6	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	40.4	40.0	39.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	31.2	31.1	31.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
State and Local	26.1	26.0	25.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	+ 0.1
Local	17.6	17.5	17.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 154,900 for the current month. This estimate increased by 700 from last month and 3,900 from February, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 32,100 for the current month. This estimate increased by 300 from last month and 1,700 from February of last year. Mining was up 100 in February, while manufacturing showed an increase of 200 jobs in the durable goods sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 122,800 for the current month. This estimate increased by 400 from last month and 2,200 from February of last year. Trade was off 200, with the drop centered in the retail sector. The finance, insurance, and real estate, and government sectors were both up 100 in February. The services sector was up 400, with the increase scattered across the entire segment.

An estimated 15,400 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $536.99 in February, compared to $571.05 in January, 1994, and $558.67 a year ago. Average weekly hours dropped to 38.8 in February, compared to 40.5 in January and 42.1 a year ago. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.84 for February, compared to $14.10 in January, and $13.27 a year ago.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City Area, estimated at 172,100, included 158,200 employed and 13,900 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEB. 1994

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
INDUSTRY	**TOTAL**	**WHITE**	**NON-WHITE**	**TOTAL**	**WHITE**	**NON-WHITE**	**TOTAL**	**WHITE**	**NON-WHITE**
Mining (10-14)	1,182	949	233	12	12	0	28	21	7
Contract Construction (15-17)	8,571	5,811	2,760	298	225	73	1,816	1,226	590
Manufacturing (20-39)	4,597	2,294	2,303	159	89	70	331	188	143
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,540	882	658	31	20	11	157	80	77
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	930	628	302	15	12	3	135	97	38
Retail Trade (52-59)	3,841	2,089	1,752	93	53	40	448	207	241
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	853	622	231	15	14	1	107	79	28
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	8,188	4,187	4,001	215	130	85	840	406	434
Public Administration (91-97)	1,403	735	668	57	19	38	112	53	59
All Others	139	75	64	0	0	0	62	29	33
Totals	31,244	18,272	12,972	895	574	321	4,036	2,386	1,650

OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	3,951	2,979	972	62	52	10	624	458	166
Clerical and Sales	6,397	4,259	2,138	164	118	46	799	477	322
Services Occupations	3,050	907	2,143	104	37	67	215	51	164
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related	855	254	601	22	14	8	16	5	11
Processing Occupations	897	406	491	9	3	6	36	24	12
Machine Trades	1,406	975	431	80	57	23	144	102	42
Benchwork Occupations	1,143	555	588	39	16	23	43	25	18
Structural Work Occupations	8,533	5,446	3,087	281	197	84	1,727	1,057	670
Miscellaneous Occupations	5,012	2,491	2,521	134	80	54	432	187	245
Totals	31,244	18,272	12,972	895	574	321	4,036	2,386	1,650

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	HOUMA AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
INDUSTRY	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	83	69	14	324	253	71	17	15	2
Contract Construction (15-17)	261	205	56	566	324	242	527	412	115
Manufacturing (20-39)	275	156	119	359	155	204	134	90	44
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	61	47	14	106	74	32	55	36	19
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	37	30	7	65	40	25	17	11	6
Retail Trade (52-59)	121	80	41	295	172	123	149	86	63
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	21	20	1	45	37	8	25	18	7
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	246	168	78	499	322	177	225	147	78
Public Administration (91-97)	26	13	13	91	46	45	24	15	9
All Others	0	0	0	8	6	2	0	0	0
Totals	1,131	788	343	2,358	1,429	929	1,173	830	343
OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	128	114	14	260	207	53	138	114	24
Clerical and Sales	179	142	37	446	335	111	224	178	46
Services Occupations	79	35	44	221	87	134	107	43	64
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	22	12	10	25	6	19	29	4	25
Processing Occupations	167	82	85	93	39	54	38	27	11
Machine Trades	50	40	10	96	67	29	49	34	15
Benchwork Occupations	22	16	6	167	84	83	27	13	14
Structural Work Occupations	337	259	78	643	376	267	427	327	100
Miscellaneous Occupations	147	88	59	407	228	179	134	90	44
Totals	1,131	788	343	2,358	1,429	929	1,173	830	343

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INDUSTRY	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	7	7	0	183	136	47	94	79	15
Contract Construction (15-17)	300	231	69	1,402	803	599	575	318	257
Manufacturing (20-39)	112	63	49	760	370	390	555	269	286
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	18	10	8	638	305	333	139	80	59
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	15	12	3	316	199	117	133	91	42
Retail Trade (52-59)	175	95	80	1,328	662	666	433	219	214
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	32	26	6	392	264	128	116	86	30
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	311	178	133	2,746	1,351	1,395	909	424	485
Public Administration (91-97)	42	18	24	340	136	204	234	154	80
All Others	0	0	0	32	13	19	12	8	4
Totals	1,012	640	372	8,137	4,239	3,898	3,200	1,728	1,472
OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	121	92	29	1,595	1,119	476	391	319	72
Clerical and Sales	252	176	76	2,341	1,417	924	812	545	267
Services Occupations	120	33	87	1,088	237	851	425	98	327
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	7	2	5	86	28	58	76	15	61
Processing Occupations	21	12	9	128	46	82	32	5	27
Machine Trades	55	32	23	283	193	90	162	96	66
Benchwork Occupations	9	3	6	122	52	70	168	69	99
Structural Work Occupations	207	167	40	1,486	772	714	530	296	234
Miscellaneous Occupations	220	123	97	1,008	375	633	604	285	319
Totals	1,012	640	372	8,137	4,239	3,898	3,200	1,728	1,472

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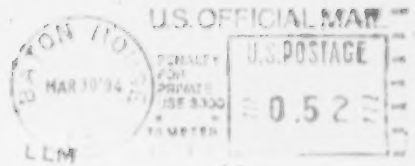

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